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Joint Resolution

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To designate the period July 1, 1984, through July 1, 1985, as the "Year of the Ocean".

Whereas the oceans are the major source of the waters on planet Earth providing an essential link in the chain of human existence; Whereas the ocean environment provides us with a wealth of products and services but is increasingly subject to stress caused by population growth, economic development, placement of energy-related facilities, extraction of mineral resources and fossil fuels, transportation and navigation, waste disposal, and harvesting of living marine resources;

Whereas America is the steward of the resources of the ocean and coastal regions that border our Nation and this stewardship entails a responsibility to match our increased uses of marine resources with an increased vigilance of the well-being of the marine environment;

Whereas it is important to educate Americans as the users of ocean products and the beneficiaries of our ocean heritage, to the role the world ocean plays in our lives;

Whereas a "Year of the Ocean" will be used to expand public awareness and knowledge of the importance of the ocean and its resources; and

Whereas it is fitting and proper that "Ocean Day" be the first day of celebration during the "Year of the Ocean": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That July 1, 1984, to July 1, 1985, be designated "Year of the Ocean", and the President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such celebration with appropriate activities.

Approved July 2, 1984.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 257:

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